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Police are continuing to investigate and interview witnesses to an early morning attempted kidnapping and robbery that occurred shortly after 7:00A at the corner of SW 155th and Teal Blvd.

A lone female victim operating a late model Lexus was stopped at the stop sign facing southbound with her sunroof open when she was accosted by the suspect who was standing on the side of the road.

According to the 58 year old victim, she observed a shadow and then the suspect reach over the car from the passenger side and grab the lip of the open sunroof. He then hoisted himself on top of the car and got inside landing on the passenger seat. He demanded that she continue driving which she refused. He then engaged in a brief struggle with her continuing to demand that she drive off. After several moments he left the car taking her purse with him and ran in a southeasterly direction. The victim was not physically injured.

At least a dozen officers responded to the scene or general area including a K-9 and did an extensive search of the surrounding woods and neighborhoods for several hours. Officers continued to patrol the perimeter as long as the call load allowed.

The suspect is described as a WMA, 30s, 5'9", medium build, bushy dark hair, possibly some facial hair, dressed all in dark clothing.

Although occurrences of this exact nature are rare and police credit the rapid and decisive response from the victim as playing a role in her escape, there are some general safety suggestions that can be made for all ages:

- Be aware of your surroundings on foot or in a car for people who can violate your private space.
- With nicer weather approaching be aware of open windows that may encourage bad guys to try and get in.
- Play the “What If” game with yourself and consider various scenarios you may be confronted with and possible solutions.
- Know that in many cases when confronted by a bad guy, quick and decisive actions on your part may catch the suspect off guard and allow you to minimize crime impact.
- Stay in public areas to decrease chances of victimization and increase chances of witnesses intervening.